

REMARKS

I. Introduction

In response to the Office Action dated March 17, 2004, claims 27-47 have been cancelled, and new claims 50-54 have been added. Claims 48-54 remain in the application. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is requested.

II. New Claims

Applicants' attorney has added new claims as indicated above. These new claims are supported by the application as originally filed, as indicated below, and introduce no new matter. Entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

New claims 50 and 51 are supported by the specification at page 6, line 16.

New claims 52 and 53 are supported by the specification at page 6, line 14.

New claim 54 is supported by the specification at page 6, lines 18-20.

III. Double Patenting Rejection

In paragraphs (4)-(5) of the Office Action, claims 48 and 49 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 26 of U.S. Patent No. 6,340,421 in view of Columbus, U.S. Patent No. 4,302,313. In response, Applicants provide herewith a terminal disclaimer to overcome this rejection.

IV. Prior Art Rejections

In paragraphs (1)-(3) of the Office Action, claims 27-47 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Johnson et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,411,647 (Johnson). The cancellation of claims 27-47 renders this rejection moot.

V. Conclusion

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that

can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' undersigned attorney.

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